



Service of Worship — March 31, 2024

***“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that
Some have entertained angels without knowing it.” — Hebrews 13:2***

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

ELDER ON DUTY: Jane Knoche

HEAD USHERS: Steve Becher (9am), Eric Burdette (11am)

HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please ask at the sound booth.

**RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE AT TODAY’S WORSHIP SERVICE WITH OUR VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
PAD:** Click this link: <https://bit.ly/GCPCattendance>, or scan the QR Code below, and it will take you to the link.



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“Pray for one another” — James 5:15

We encourage you to remember the following in prayer:

All Grieving the Death of a Loved One: Robert Wilhite and family in the death of his son.

Surgeries/Hospitalizations/Illnesses: Glenda Johnson, Rosemary Gibson

Cancer Treatment: Harold Farren, Katie Rickley

Aging Challenges

Military Service: David Zak, C.J. Bradley, Seth Lorimer, Mary E. Johnson II, Alanna Funk, Shannon Lorimer, Clara Frye. **All veterans, deployed military, and reservists.**

Our Mission Co-Workers: Jeff and Christi Boyd in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Leslie Vogel, PC (USA) Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico.

Peace and Relief Workers; Unemployed and Underemployed; Families Struggling with Separation and Divorce; Individuals Struggling with Depression; Those Contemplating Suicide and Those Left Behind.

Heartland Presbytery Partnership of Prayer: Blue Ridge Presbyterian Church, Raytown, MO; United Christian Presbyterian Church, Richmond, MO.

(If you have a prayer request you would like to include in the bulletin, please contact the church office at office@gcpc.org, or send to gcpc.prayers@gmail.com.)

SPOTLIGHT

REMINDER: The church offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 1.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE used today was made by Jim Hanger, a professional potter living in Staunton, VA. The set was given by Jay and Elizabeth McKell in appreciation of Jim’s creativity.

VBS DECORATING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU to a craft session where we will begin creating items for VBS. Friday, April 5, 4–6pm in Heartland Hall. RSVP to Christy Soule or Kristy Shaw. Bring a good pair of scissors if you can.

ARE YOU IN PURSUIT OF SOME TRIVIA? Join us as the Care and Connection team again hosts an evening of Intergenerational Trivia. Join us Friday night, April 12, 5:30–7pm. The illustrious Jake Schmidt will be our fearless leader. We are asking participants to bring finger foods, either a light appetizer or a dessert. There will be a sign-up on April 7 in the church concourse, but

please make sure to mark your calendars now. Oh, and last but not least, there will be prizes for you trivia-minded! GCPC is the place to be!

ADULT

AS THE PAGE TURNS BOOK GROUP will meet April 3 at 1:30pm in Room 3 at the church. The book selection is *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Please join the group for discussion and fellowship.

WHILE JUSTICE SLEEPS is a legal thriller novel by American politician and writer Stacey Abrams. Page Turners will be discussing this book on Thursday, April 4, at the home of Teresa Ilten. Please join us at 7pm at 5408 W. 97th Circle in Overland Park. We live on a small cul-de-sac just east of Nall on 97th Circle. Please carpool if possible. Contact Teresa Ilten, 913-515-1087, if you are coming or for questions. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN

HAPPY EASTER! Today, we take a break from our Sunday school programming and will resume again next week.

THANK YOU TO OUR EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS AND PARTICIPANTS. Lots of fun was had by all. Look for photos via Facebook, Instagram or in next month's newsletter.

VBS PLANNING IS ALSO UNDERWAY! Our Camper Registration is now available AND new this year, we have a Volunteer Registration form too. Our GCPC Children's Team will need lots of help to pull this year's VBS off so please let us know if you can help us in any way. We need YOU! You can find camper and volunteer registration at gcpc.org/vbs. Contact any member of the Children's Team if you have any questions about VBS. We are gonna have a great week at Camp Firelight.

MUSIC

AT THIS YEAR'S BELL FEST, we will be collecting items to support the P.E., music, library and art teachers at Rosehill Elementary School. Please consider purchasing an item from their wish list and bringing it with you the night of May 5.

<https://amzn.to/4au1daA>



MISSION

MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT — PCUSA SPECIAL OFFERING — ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One

Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in challenging situations. OGHS is the single largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. If you'd like to make a gift to OGHS, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope.

OUR APRIL DONATION PARTNER IS A GATHERING OF FRIENDS, a grassroots organization serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Johnson and Wyandotte counties. A Gathering of Friends relies on donations and volunteers for everything needed to make sure those they serve have a good, home cooked meal each week, along with sandwiches, snacks, and fresh fruits to eat later, as well as supplies to ensure their safety, health, and comfort. Please see the list below for what you can donate to support their mission. Donations can go in the Weekday Entrance bin anytime in April.

AAA batteries	hoodies (used but in good condition is okay)
back packs	men's jeans/sweats/cargo
reusable shopping bags	(used but in good condition is okay)
flashlights	tents
lighters	sleeping bags
men's large/XL T-shirts	insect repellent
(used but in good condition is okay)	

OUR APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING RECIPIENT IS INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (IHN). GCPC is a long-time host congregation for JoCo IHN, an interfaith community that provides assistance for homeless families in Johnson County using a network of religious affiliates. Assistance to homeless families includes housing, meals, life skills, and social interaction. IHN has a record of success — nearly 75% of IHN graduates attain permanent, sustainable housing. If you'd like to make a gift to IHN during April, just use the "Communion" option in the online portal or write "Communion Offering" on your check or envelope.



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